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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT

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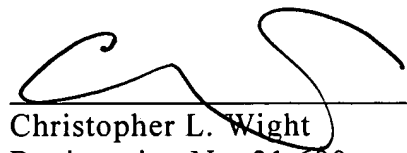
In response to the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment, dated September 28, 2004, Applicants submit herewith a corrected "Amendment to the claims" section, which was previously submitted in the Amendment accompanying the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed on July 7, 2004. The corrected "Amendment to the claims" section contains a corrected claims status identifier of "previously presented" for claims 15, 16, 27, and 28.

In view of the fact that the above-referenced Amendment was a bona fide attempt to reply to the previously outstanding final Office Action, and was filed as a submission

concurrently with the RCE, the filing of the RCE tolls the period of reply to the final Office Action, and Applicants are entitled to a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days (whichever is longer) to complete the reply to the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment (*See*, M.P.E.P §706.07(h)(VI)).

The corrected "Amendment to the claims" section now complies with 37 CFR 1.121, and Applicants request continued examination of the application pursuant to the previously filed Request for Continued Examination.

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